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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS OF ILO, BULGARIA, MALAYSIA, AND CMEA MADE IN ECOSOC PLENARY MORNING OF JULY 12.

2. ILO - DIRGEN BLANCHARD SPOKE IN GLOWING TERMS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE BASIC NEEDS STRATEGY SHOULD REMAIN AT THE CORE OF ILO WORK. TO THE BASIC MATERIAL NEEDS OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND HOUSING MUST BE ADDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAINFUL AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY, E.G., EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND "THE RIGHT TO ACT FREELY AND WITHOUT CONSTRAINT." EACH MEMBER STATE SHOULD CARRY OUT A CONSUS OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION WITH THE LOWEST INCOME SO AS TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN DATA VITAL FOR DRAFTING DEVELOPMENT PLANS. DIRGEN'S COMMENTS ON "POLITICIZATION" OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES REPORTED REFTEL.

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3. BULGARIA: BULGARIAN REP REITERATED SUPPORT FOR DETENTE, DECLARED THAT CONTRADICTIONS OF WESTERN CAPITALISM HARMED THE ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND STRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S SUPPORT OF NIEO.

4. MALAYSIA: MALAYSIAN REP STATED THAT TOO REPID ECONOMIC GROWTH SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN FAVOR OF STEADY GROWTH IN ORDER TO

GUARANTEE PRICE STABILITY. HE CONTINUED THAT SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR LDCS DEPENDED ON TWO FACTORS 1) GREATER MARKET ACCESSIBILITY IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR PRIMARY AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF LDCS, AND 2) A LARGER FLOW OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. HE NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS IN THE MTN ON THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND THAT NEGOTIATION AT CIEC ACHIEVED LIMITED PROGRESS ON EFFORTS TO OVERCOME COMMODITY PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, HE FELT ENCOURAGED THAT THE POLITICAL IMPETUS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AT THE LONDON SUMMIT. WITH REGARD TO OTHER TOPICS, TNCS SHOULD WORK WITH UNDP, REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, AND BILATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO MEET THE INDUSTRIALIZATION TARGET OF THE LIMA DECLARATION, UNIDO CAN AID TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BY CONCENTRATING ON REDEPLOYMENT OF INDUSTRIES, AND THE NON-ENTERING IN FORCE OF THE CARGO-SHARING COMPONENT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CONFERENCE LINES WAS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN.

5. CMEA: REP LAUDED AT LENGTH INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG CMEA MEMBER STATES. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT 31ST MEETING OF THE CMEA SESSION NOTED THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES COULD BE "PROMOTED BY THE CONVOCATION OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES OR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER INDUSTRY AS WELL AS BY REMOVAL OF THE STILL REMAINING ATTEMPTS TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST, AND INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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